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Yearbook back on go after Publications Board approval

Will York
Managing Editor

Yearbook

The precarious future of *The Spirit* yearbook became a little more certain after last Tuesday's called meeting of the UTM Publications committee, which voted unanimously to give the yearbook staff the go-ahead to produce a 2007 edition.

The committee suspended production of the 2007 edition until the staff, led by Editor Kim Ferrell, was able to produce the 2005 yearbook, which is now two years late, by Sept. 30.

The committee has set Nov. 30 as the deadline for the 2006 edition, which is also late.

Originally, the committee set the Sept. 30 deadline in order for the publisher to deliver the books by Homecoming, but Coordinator of Student Publications Tomi McCutchen Parrish said that won't be possible, but she did say the 2005 book will be available at December graduation.

Now that the yearbook staff, which has been plagued by low staff retention, apathy and recurring technology failures, has been given the go-ahead to make the 2007 book, some committee members were concerned the staff may not have adequate resources to get the work done on the 2007 book while trying to finish the delinquent 2006 edition as well.

Publications Committee member and Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Al Hooten offered to find money for a part-time assistant for Coordinator of Student Publications and interim yearbook Adviser Tomi McCutchen Parrish.

"I will work with Dr. Rakes to find the funds for at least a minimum of a part-time person for this year," Hooten said. "I can't promise anything for any subsequent years, but we can try to get something for this year."

Parrish said the position would probably cost about $15,000 per year.

Hiring an administrative assistant would allow closer advising and management of the yearbook, rather than dealing with business operations, Parrish said.

"The yearbook staying afloat hinges on the yearbook staff," she said. "But the help an adviser can give a yearbook staff won't be diluted by an adviser also having to do all the business and operations [after hiring an assistant for Parrish]."

After the committee approved going forward with this year's yearbook, Parrish told the committee she will send out e-mails updating the committee on the staff's progress.

"As far as checks and balances, we answer to you, and we report to you after every deadline," she said. "We keep a notebook with all the proofs to show you what has physically been done."

Before last Tuesday's approval, the committee considered nixing the yearbook altogether and refunding students' $8.50 -per-semester fee, which has funded *The Spirit* since 2002.

Production lines to picket lines

Union City union workers walk out of Goodyear after nationwide contract talks reach impasse



Jon-Michael St. Amant
Staff Writer

United Steelworker members at Union City's Goodyear Tire and Rubber plant put down their tools and picked up their protest signs, trading work for demonstration in a strike that continues now into its fifth day, as of press time Monday.

The USW workers of Union City joined the efforts of the national union by striking alongside the greater part of 15,000 other workers across the United States and Canada. Thursday culminated the negotiation period between the USW union and the Goodyear company. The strike was called nationwide to protest the closing of two plants in Tyler, Texas and Gadsden, Ala.

In the neighboring town of Union City, USW members are walking picket lines at the three main entrances of the Goodyear plant. Workers have been put on a schedule which includes a four hour shift out on the picket line. The strikers will not receive pay until the strike ends. However, a minor stipend will be given from a strike assistance fund if the strike continues

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'Voice of the Skyhawks' critically injured after Jackson hit-and-run

Elizabeth Watts
Executive Editor

Long-time Skyhawks sports broadcaster Tom Britt, 55, remains in critical condition after a hit-and-run accident Thursday, while his wife, Martha Britt, 53, was pronounced dead at the accident scene.

Tom Britt was transported to Jackson-Madison County General Hospital where he underwent surgery and was in critical but stable condition. According to *The Jackson Sun*, he suffered from an injured leg, a broken rib, punctured lungs and a contusion on his head. Britt is expected to recover.

According to Friday's edition of *The Jackson Sun*, Madison County Sheriff David Woolfork said the Britts were on their usual morning walk along the 100 block of White Fern Road in Beech Bluff, Tenn., when they were struck from behind by a car. Deputies were dispatched to the scene at around 6:30 a.m.



Tom Britt



Martha Britt

Woolfork believed that a southbound vehicle crossed the northbound lane and struck them and failed to stop to help.

Britt has been the voice of the Skyhawks for 26 years and was scheduled to announce the UTM-Tennessee Tech game Thursday night in Cookville. Britt has also been a news anchor at WBBJ-TV in Jackson since 1992. Martha Britt was principal at Isaac Lane Technology Magnet School in Jackson.

"Tom Britt is a long-time professional broadcaster at UTM. The entire UTM family is grieving for him and his family, especially after the death of his wife. We hope that he can make a full recovery and come back to UTM as the 'Voice of the Skyhawks,'" said Richard Robinson, instructor of communications and faculty adviser of WUTM.

According to *The Jackson Sun,* Woolfork said that the driver could face vehicular homicide, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to stop to render aid, aggrevated assault and other charges.

There is no description of the driver and the Madison County Sherriff's Department does not have any suspects.

Dining Services to post written Sunday Brunch dress code

Jason Bohanan
Staff Writer

UTM Director of Dining Services Chris Munkel said a written, clearly defined dress code for Sodexho's monthly Sunday brunches will be posted around campus and online in response to a handful of students being turned away for being dressed "inappropriately" at last week's brunch.

Some criticized the policy, citing a lack of consistent application and unrealistic expectations from students.

Munkel addressed the SGA Senate Thursday hoping to better communicate Sodexho's Sunday brunch dress code policy.

During the Oct. 1 Sunday brunch in the Skyhawk Cafeteria, several students were turned away for violating an unwritten dress code at the event.

The incident prompted complaints from several students, who said UTM's cafeteria is the property of students, not the community.

"One of the major problems in all of this is a perceived lack of communication on our part," said Munkel, who hopes to make the policy more consistent in the future.

Items prohibited by the dress code outlined Thursday are baseball caps, T-shirts that are torn or cut, pajamas, cut-off shorts and any clothing perceived as vulgar.

"If you put it on and it makes you snicker, someone might consider it vulgar. Unfortunately, it's not just a plain black and white issue," Munkel said.

Appropriate printed T-shirts, jeans, jean shorts, sneakers, flip-flops, dress shoes and clean warm-up suits will be permitted, Munkel said.

"We try to make it as lenient as possible for a lot of people who can't afford to buy simple khakis or a simple polo," Munkel said.

The dress code will be advertised on Blackboard as well as television monitors and fliers in the UC.

Munkel's presentation came after meeting with SGA President James Orr and Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Jerald Ogg, where it was decided the issue should be discussed with student representatives.

"We agreed that this is an issue that students should have input on," said Orr, who would only agree to be interviewed by e-mail.

Munkel said Sunday brunches are designed to provide students with a higher quality dining experience.

"The whole goal behind this is to provide students an opportunity to experience an upscale meal at least once a month," Munkel said.

According to Munkel, the success of the program relies on quality food, service and setting, which includes decorations and patron's attire.

"The setting is probably the most important thing when you do something like this," he said.

Brunch dress code

- ***ACCEPTABLE:*** "Appropriate" printed T-shirts, jeans, jean shorts, flip-flops, clean warm-up suits will be acceptable.
- ***PROHIBITED:*** Baseball caps, torn T-shirts, pajamas, cutoff shorts, "vulgar" statements on T-shirts

Our View

Editorial:
CAPP causes students more stress than needed

There have been more complaints lately about CAPP from UTM students.

The main arguement is that sometimes CAPP and Banner don't give identical reports which leaves many students confused.

Another complaint is that many students complete two majors under the assumption that they will receive two degrees when they graduate.

UTM should upgrade and modify CAPP to retain its usefulness

However, that is not always the case.

Students must realize that in order to receive two degrees, they have to take 30 hours about their first degree.

For example, if a student takes 120 hours for the first degree, they must take 150 for their second degree.

If students only take 120 hours, but have two majors, they'll receive one degree with two emphases.

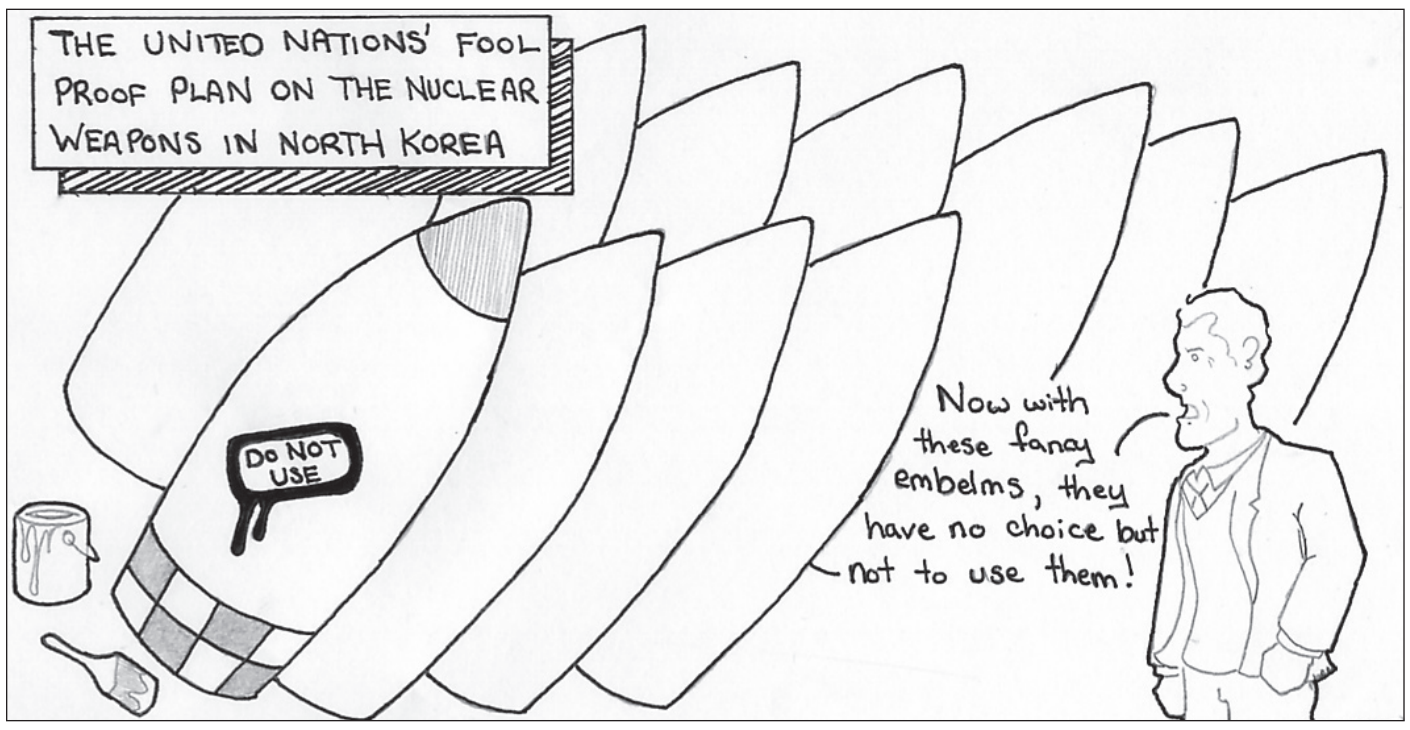
We feel that UTM should make CAPP more functional than it currently is. There should be an option for one major, a major and a minor, two majors or two degrees.

It's unfair for students to be in the middle of their senior year and find out they have to delay their plans for a year to finish their second degree.

Another complaint is that classes don't always fall under the right heading. Classes that are supposed to be under electives go under classes not used and many other situations.

CAPP would be more useful if UTM upgraded it. All programs have to be updated from time to time or they'll lose their usefulness. We feel that CAPP is finally at the point where it's not as useful as it once was.

Students have enough stress to deal with without having to play a guessing game with the classes and hours. CAPP is supposed to make choosing classes easier for students, but instead it causes a bigger headache.



Letters to the Editor

Professor calls for smoke-free restaurants in Martin

I enjoyed your review of the Dragon Buffet restaurant, but you left out one important fact: the air is not clean. When I went to eat there and they asked "smoking or non-smoking" I couldn't believe it. Here was a single room, with a single air-conditioning system, in which everyone had to breath second-hand smoke. Anyone who opens a restaurant in this day and age which isn't smoke-free is out of touch with reality. Reality is that second-hand smoke is a carcinogen - it's been proven. A restaurant with a smoking section is like a swimming pool with a peeing section - except that "pee" won't give you cancer. I've had cancer once, and I don't want it again. When the Dragon Buffet comes into the 21st century and becomes smoke-free like the majority of Martin's eating establishments, I'll go back - but not before.

Dr. Dwight Gatwood
Professor of Music

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Have courtesy to people every day because it's the right thing to do

Imagine a hot, muggy August day during move-in week at Cooper Hall. After lugging around necessary belongings for your new residence during the school year, walking up stairs appears to be an arduous endeavor and then the elevator door opens up.

Right as you are approaching the metal doors, a person who is an acquaintance leaves and walks by without having enough regard for you to hold the door open. Instead, she laughs and tells you that you should have been just a bit faster.

Situations like that make me wonder when it became socially acceptable to ignore others and place yourself first. Granted, there are people who are still cordial and respectful to their fellow human being by holding doors when you are juggling a book bag, an umbrella, your five-page midterm and the necessary caffeine substance to survive the day.

Perhaps the reason people abandoned the courtesy for others is because our society is in dire need to have some sense of recognition for the valiant effort being done out of the ordinary to exemplify the extraordinary character of those performing the "tasks."

That being said, what ever happened to just helping someone out just to do it out of the kindness of your heart and not having selfish, intrinsic motivations?

I am not one to tell people about scriptures or religious teachings because my mentality is that religion is one of two topics that can cause wars paramount to a Hatfield-McCoy feud til the end of time.

However, the golden rule reverberates in my head as being a good model to live life within the realm of demonstrating a common courtesy that is becoming an endangered species on this campus as well as our society.

That being said, why not hold the elevator door for your fellow student or fellow man instead of walking by and just remarking about their need to hurry up next time?

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Are you afraid of things that bump in the night?



Christian Ashlar
Staff Columnist

As October dawns upon us, thoughts of ghosts, smells of pumpkins and the eerie rustling of falling leaves begin to surround us. Mysterious happenings and stories of phantom hitchhikers who disappear from moving cars elevate among the populace during this time of year. As Halloween approaches, shadows become a little darker, noises become slightly more unnerving and black cats crossing in front of you gives you a bit more pause than normal.

I was talking with some friends not long ago and the topic of unexplained things came up. By unexplained, I mean misplaced items that seems to reappear of their own accord, hearing noises without explanation and catching a glimpse of something from the corner of your eye and then seeing nothing when your full attention is turned upon it. As we all sat talking, four of the six of us told some pretty hair-raising tales of odd occurrences that we were hard pressed to put logical explanations to.

In August of this year, I moved into a new apartment. I unpacked the boxes, put things away and after a while, made a new home for myself. Two weeks after moving in, I misplaced my keys. After looking around for the better part of ten minutes, I came to the conclusion that they just weren't here. This was ludicrous to me for I'd driven home and let myself into the house. As I was returning from another room where I was continuing my search, I saw my missing keys – on the very table they'd been missing from that initiated this search.

I live alone, my door was locked and how they were gone one moment and reappeared merely eleven to twelve minutes later was a mystery of Scooby-Doo proportions!

Now before you all chuck me out for being a bit of a nutter (Brit-slang, here!), I have to say that I didn't immediately chalk this happening up to beasties coming from the static-filled screen of my TV just to hide my keys but I do have to say it was a bit unnerving for me.

Think about the things in our everyday world that truly don't have explanations that come in neat packages. What about those shadows we see out of the corners of our eye, the prickling of the hairs on the backs of our necks and what about all those stories about haunted dormitories turned office buildings?

Where do all of these things come from? As October comes upon us, does some sort of mass hysteria descend, as well? Are we so anxious to get "into the spirit of Halloween" that we imagine all these things to scare ourselves or is there really a side of our lives that we're just not all that educated about? There are scientists that say that there are a myriad of dimensions that coexist with our own; could it be that some of those dimensions overlap our own? The Bible speaks of demons and the like, some Chinese writings speak of the "spirits of the departed" and some Native American cultures believe strongly in the idea that the spirit and the body are separate entities.

I wonder why it is that we are so fascinated by ghosts, spirits and other aspects of the paranormal. In preparing this column, I asked a few fellow students if they believed in such things and the answers ran the gamut. "Oh, yeah!" said a Dyersburg native enthusiastically while a Martin resident said, "That's all Harry Potter nonsense" with a wave of his head and a smile that said I was insane for asking such a question. Whether you believe in such things or not, the very pondering of these things is something that increases during this time of the year. We think of Halloween and thoughts of things creepy and scary come to mind – and maybe, just maybe, that's what stimulates us to see what isn't there, hear what we can't possibly have heard, and imagine all sorts of things we wouldn't otherwise imagine.

Or maybe…there truly ARE things we can't "quantify, qualify or easily reference". The next time you and a gathering of friends are just sitting around doing nothing – bring up the topic of strange events that have happened and see what the responses might be like. You may not solve the mysteries of those strange events but at the very least, the stories can be very entertaining and quite interesting in most cases.

Now…has anyone seen my keys? (Cue the spooky music!)

SGA Senate prepares for busy Homecoming and Diversity Weeks

Megan Madden
Staff Writer

SGA Senate met in regular session last Thursday night to discuss a full agenda concerning Homecoming, Diversity Week and yearbooks.

SGA President James Orr announced and congratulated the newly elected Executive Council of Freshman Council. Orr also stated that every officer spot in SGA has been filled. Orr's main report focused on career development. SGA is striving to do more in the way of internships for UTM students.

Interim Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Gerald Ogg reported that The Tennessee Emergency Management Center has visited the UTM campus in hopes of preparing everyone for an earthquake. A drill was ran and all faculty and staff showed they were "very prepared" in handling the earthquake drill that would have registered a 6.7 on the Richter Scale.

Ogg also stated that two new search committees are being formed. The Coordinator of Student Organizations and Chancellor search committees are getting formed and making strides towards finding new professionals for each spot. The Chancellor search committee should be put together in one week, and they should be looking for candidates within one month.

Committee reports showed that students proposed there should be a drop box located somewhere on campus that students could drop résumés in for future employees.

Also, the faculty and staff of UTM are being asked to look at putting lights in two fairly dark places on campus for safety issues. First, SGA wants lights put up around the walking trail by Pacer Pond. SGA would like more lights and an earlier start time for the lights between the Elam Center and EPS.

Another big focus of the committee reports was the upcoming Diversity Week which will be Nov. 6-10. Monday will consist of a Diversity Bowl; Tuesday, an International Forum; Wednesday, a Diversity Rally; Thursday, a Global Studies Seminar, and Friday, a Mixer with international music.

The yearbook issue also dominated discussion during the committee reports.

SGA Senate at a Glance

- Diversity Week will take place Nov. 6- 10.
- Homecoming elections will be held on the week of Homecoming.
- UTM is considered well prepared by the Tennessee Emergency Management Center after a recent earthquake drill.
- Yearbooks will be given annually in a hard-bound style. Skyhawk card pictures will be used.

In surveys, students showed they wanted to keep *The Spirit* yearbook. Totals for the survey are as follows: 61 percent didn't care about paying a fee, 58 percent wanted a hard-bound copy, 55 percent wanted a hard-bound copy every year, and 64 percent wanted to use their Skyhawk card picture in the yearbook.

The Spirit will be kept in a hard-bound style, with Skyhawk card pictures, and will be given on an annual basis.

The final report from the committee reports was that Homecoming elections will be held the week of Homecoming.

The next item of new business was from Information Technology Services Chief Information Officer Shannon Burgin. Digital printing services have been updated. Also, March 6 has been set for the Spring Technology Showcase and Trustee meeting.

The resignation of a Senator from the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences was passed. Appointments of Senates at Large, two vacant seats in the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences, Justices, and Bachelors of University Studies were all sworn in by Chief Justice Audrey Smith.

The next SGA Senate meeting will be next Thursday at 9 p.m.

All eyes on Tennessee as mid-terms approach

Will York
Managing Editor

Politics on CAMPUS

Democratic U.S. Senate hopeful Rep. Harold Ford Jr. inched ahead of challenger and former Chattanooga Mayor Bob Corker in the latest round of public opinion polls with 28 days left until November's mid-term election.

A USA Today/Gallup poll released late last week shows 50 percent of likely Tennessee voters favor Ford, with 45 percent favoring Corker. The poll's margin of error is five points.

Other polls show Ford with a slight advantage, all within polls' margins of error.

For instance, an Oct. 1 poll by Rasmussen shows Ford up 48 percent to 43 percent, and Zogby reported the two candidates tied at 40 percent Oct. 2.

After averaging the latest major Tennessee polls, Ford maintains a narrow two-point lead over Corker.

Last week's tight polls show a considerable jump for Ford, who was down by as many as 13 points to the Republican candidate in July.

And who can Ford thank for his latest poll bounce?

Moderates.

In the USA Today/Gallup poll, Ford commanded 65 percent of likely voters who consider themselves "moderates," a key demographic needed to win the Tennessee race.

With both Corker and Ford running neck-and-neck, eyes are on Tennessee as Democrats are eyeing taking control of the Senate from the Republicans after mid-terms.

The two candidates will spar in the second of two televised debates tonight in Chattanooga.

After averaging the latest polls from all 50 states, Democrats are projected to take 50 states, with Republicans maintaining 49. The Missouri race is exactly tied.

Democratic hopes in the House are even stronger, with several seats projected to change hands.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen remains strongly ahead of Republican contender Jim Bryson, with a 66-to-26 point spread.

UTM power problems patched up

Bessie Cherry
Staff Writer

Fine Arts Building was without power for more than six hours on Wednesday, Oct. 4 due to an electrical short in one of the Weakley County Municipal Electric System's primary phases that feed power to the building.

According to UTM Physical Plant Director Tim Nipp, WCME conducted repairs from 7 a.m. until just before 12 p.m., digging a small hole in the parking lot of Fine Arts in order to reach the primary underground line, which runs from the overhead line at Mt. Pelia Road down through the Fine Arts parking lot and into the building's basement transformer.

"Minor maintenance items such as these happen occasionally," says Nipp.

Nipp also said that the series of brief power blinks that occurred all over campus the Monday and Tuesday before Wednesday's six hour power surge could possibly have been a red-flag that the primary phase was in the process of shorting out.

"The 'electrical jacks' which serve as breakers on Mt. Pelia Road kicked out a couple of times," said Nipp. "This could be what was causing the blinks."

Nipp says he is certain that the power blinks had nothing to do with the functioning of the university's new generators; it takes longer than a few seconds of UTM being without power before they will kick on.

> "The generators never came on because the outages were only a few seconds in length."
>
> — Tim Nipp, Director of Physical Plant

"The generators never came on because the outages were only a few seconds in length," added Nipp.

During the repair process, UTM students, faculty and staff were asked to evacuate Fine Arts and classes resumed after lunch.

Campus parking was also disrupted to a small degree: Several students, faculty and staff were asked to move their vehicles so that WCME could dig a hole just large enough to reach the underground power line.

Nipp says the maintenance problem was fixed promptly and that he apologizes for any inconveniences experienced during the power outage.

UT logo gets facelift

Michael Crump
Staff Writer

Throughout the history of the University of Tennessee System, the UT logo has always been spotted by its orange and blue colors, but a change has come.

This year the logo is undergoing some new and improved changes. Instead of the usual UT orange and royal blue, the new logo is completely orange and has a new theme: FUTURE.

All schools in the UT System have adopted this new logo this semester. According to the official Future Tennessee Web page, the goal of the logo change is to build a clear and compelling brand identity for the University of Tennessee and to create a greater understanding of the role UT plays in helping the state and its citizens thrive in the local, regional and global environment.

"One main reason why we are doing this is to have all the schools in the University of Tennessee system all on one page," said Director of University Relations Bud Grimes.

Although the logo will be changed, our athletic logo will remain the same.

As far as the sports logo is concerned, the Tennessee orange color is just a shade lighter and instead of dark royal blue, the new the logo will contain navy blue.

"The decision to convert to navy blue was made due to apparel reasons," explained Grimes.

Here at UTM, the staff will slowly use out any old material and apparel with the retired UT logo before converting to the new design.

All academic departments will display the new logo as per their programs such as the FUTURE of teaching for education majors. The Web page will switch the original format with an improved image in January.

Billboards will slowly change all over Tennessee as well. The new Tennessee logo is using the word "Future" and having the letters UT in Tennessee orange.

Campus Bulletin Board

The Pacer **provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in *The Pacer*'s "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.**

Can Food Drive
STEA is currently hosting a can food drive for a Homecoming Sculpture Contest. You can bring your cans to GH 239.

Spanish Club

All students are encouraged to join the UTM Spanish Club. Come and learn all about Spanish culture, participate in service activities and much more. Meetings are held at 4 p.m. every other Wednesday in HU 413.

Bible Study

Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church is hosting a H.Y.P.E. Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at the white house on the campus of Southside Baptist Church. Come get the word and have fun while doing it. If you need a ride, call 587-5124, but please call ahead of time.

English Society Movie
The English Society will be showing "Sleepy Hollow" at 7 p.m. on Oct. 10 in Watkins Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

Campus Cross Fire

SGA will be having our first Campus Cross Fire of this year. This is your chance to make a difference by voicing your concerns to the right people who can get things done. This will be held tonight at 7 p.m in UC 111. We hope to see everyone there for the betterment of ourselves and our community.

Ms. VIP 2007 Auditions

The "Me, Myself and I" Ms. V.I.P. (voluptuous, intelligent, pretty) 2007 will hold open auditions at 4 p.m. on Oct. 10 and 11 in Watkins Auditorium. Participants should be ages 18-29, unwed and prepared to do a talent. Participants should wear dress or business attire and bring two photos (headshot and body shot).

NASA Meeting

Native American Student Association will have a meeting on Oct. 11 at 4 p.m. in UC 111. Special guest J. J. Kent will be speaking and performing for us. Past members are asked to bring potluck and an invitation is offered to anyone interested in learning more about the plight of the Native American people of today. You do not have to be Native American to become a member.

Collegiate FFA Cookout

There will be a collegiate FFA cookout at 6 p.m. on Oct. 12 at the farm. Dues are $15 for the year. This includes a t-shirt.

Pumpkin Carving Contest

UTM is hosting a Pumpkin Carving Contest at 8 p.m. on Oct. 19 at the Ellington/Browning Circle. All supplies will be provided, and prizes will be given to the best carved pumpkins.

Free Concert

This is an opportunity for all of our campus ministries regardless of their beliefs to come together. In an attempt to make Campus Ministries' Night bigger and better, Sonic Flood will be performing in UTM Field House on Oct. 23 at 7 p.m.

Campus Interviews

Campus interviews are a good way for seniors and graduates to practice their interviewing skills and maybe even get a job offer! They must have a resume referral file with current resumes on file with our office before they can interview. If they have not set up their file yet, we will be happy to help them. We have many resources for students to use as they are developing their resume and credential files. Davidson, Golden & Lundy, CPA will be here on Thursday, Oct. 26. It is regarding a Staff Accountant position. It requires an Accounting degree (150 hours or more). For more information or to schedule an interview, please contact Employment Information Services, UC 215.

Dodgeball Tournament

The UTM Athletic Training Society will be hosting a Dodgeball Tournament on Oct. 30 & Nov. 1. Registration forms are located in the Health and Human Performance Office, 3006 Elam Center. Tournaments will be held in the evenings at Elam Center. There will be separate brackets for men, women and co-ed teams. Cost per participant is only $5. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each bracket. Hurry! The deadline to enter is Oct. 17. For more information, contact Carrie Joyner via e-mail at carcjoyn@utm.edu.

Changing weather initiates health problems for several UTM students

Brittany Dowdy
Staff Writer

This is the time of year when it is easy to get sick. With the ever-changing weather and rainy days, most people end up with a cough and a sniffle, often known as chronic sinusitis.

Also, with Martin being an agricultural area, whenever there is any type of harvesting going on, people are more likely to have allergic reactions. Any kind of crop spraying can trigger allergies.

However, there are things you can do to prevent feeling down. Here are some tips provided by Student Health Services for staying in good shape during the often unpredictable fall and winter seasons.

One important thing to remember is to wash your hands frequently. You can pick up several germs on campus by the way of touching door knobs, sharing desks, etc. The proper way to wash your hands is to run water over them, then soap up and rub your hands together for one minute. The friction of rubbing your hands together is what really gets them clean and germ free.

It is also important to get plenty of rest. This means a regular sleep schedule. Try to go to bed around the same time every night and get up around the same time every morning. A consistent sleep schedule will give your immune system time to build up at night.

You should drink plenty of fluids. A fluid does not mean drink plenty of beer and Diet Coke. Drinking alcohol puts a strain on your body because it has to repair all the damage done while intoxicated. Carbonated beverages aren't really healthy for you either. You should drink six to eight glasses of water every day to keep your body hydrated. Orange juice is a good beverage choice. The vitamin C really helps your immune system.

You should also try to eat right. First of all, make sure you are eating. If you aren't giving your body the nutrients it needs, it cannot fight off infection. Also, you can't go to area restaurants every day and count that as eating right. You need to eat a balanced diet. Make sure you are eating enough fruits and vegetables.

It is also important to not smoke. Smoking cessation is your best bet, but smoking is a habit and is very hard to break. Smoking stresses out your body and makes you more susceptible to sickness. If you are going to smoke, just don't smoke while you are sick. It will prolong the sickness and may make it worse.

It is also important to not wait until you get really sick to get help. As soon as you get that sore throat or irritating cough, you need to make a trip to the doctor. The longer you let it go, the longer you will be sick and the more serious the infection may get.

If you follow these tips, you should be able to fight off whatever ails you. Also, you will feel more energized and ready to take on your classes.

Tracey Kizer, a nurse for Student Health Services, says, "Getting plenty of rest, eating healthy and taking care of yourself will go a long way during the cold season."

Student Health sees about 30 students per day on average.

Student Health is open to see students Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. They strongly encourage you to make an appointment. They do accept same-day appointments so you can call in the morning and go in later that day. Their services are free of charge.

Student Health keeps some medication on hand and there may be a charge if you need a shot or testing. Student Health doesn't file on your insurance, so if you don't have any, that's not a problem.

If you get sick over the weekend and can't wait until Monday, you should call your family physician.

Student Health also does immunizations and drug screenings.

You can contact Student Health Monday-Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 881-7750. Student Health is located at the corner of Lee and Jeffress Street right behind Cooper Hall.

Health Tips

- Wash your hands frequently
- Get plenty of rest
- Drink plenty of fluids
- Eat right
- Don't smoke
- Don't wait until you get really sick to get help

Fun destinations for fall break

Close locations can provide inexpensive fun for students

Tabitha Thurman
Staff Writer

With fall break beginning on Oct. 17, students want to find places to go that are reasonable enough to where they can get out of town without having to be gone a week.

Luckily, there are some nearby locations where you can go without spending a fortune so that you can save your money for other college expenses that are prevalent in your life.

These are places in which you can have a great time; however, you will also find that you can learn several new interesting things while meeting your craving for having fun.

Those of you who are not originally from this city, Memphis is only 125 miles away, which is about a two-hour drive from the Martin area. There are many different places to go in Memphis such as Beale Street, Graceland, Sun Studios, Memphis Zoo and Stax Records Museum. Here you can enjoy some great food, learn about the "King of Rock n' Roll," visit the new Northwest Passage at the zoo and so much more. Plus, with Memphis being so close, students do not have to worry about rushing back to Martin. You can make this a day trip on one of your fall break days or stay the entire time. Memphis is a lively city and there is always something to do.

Another perfect place to go for fall break is Nashville. Nashville is 150 miles away, equaling to about a three-hour drive. Places to go in Nashville include the Grand Ole Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum and the State Capitol. Those who love country music will enjoy this nearby city. However, there are plenty of things to do outside of enjoying the art of country music, including shopping at the Opry Mills Mall and visiting the Bicentennial Gardens.

A couple of places to go outside of Tennessee include Atlanta and St. Louis. Atlanta is about 398 miles away, which is about a six and a half-hour drive. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, Cyclorama and the Atlanta History Center Museum are all interesting places to visit while in Atlanta. Stone Mountain Park is also a great aspect of the Atlanta area. While at Stone Mountain you can enjoy taking an air lift to the top of the mountain, watch entertaining shows, take a steamboat ride and enjoy one of the biggest laser shows in the country.

As for St. Louis, the distance is about 223 miles, equal to about a four-hour drive with wonderful places to visit such as the Gateway Arch; the world's largest beer brewer, Anheuser Busch, and the Missouri Botanical Gardens.

Fall break can be fun and exciting without being too costly or boring. Take the time during fall break to learn new things while you are on vacation. For those students that will not be going out of town, have fun with your family and friends and don't take fall break for granted because it only comes once a year.

Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

11:58 a.m., October 2
Lot 2

Traffic accident involving two vehicles.

7:39 p.m., October 2
Cooper

Fire alarm sounded. Officers and Martin Fire Department responded. It was determined to be a false alarm. The alarm was reset.

9:11 a.m., October 3
Student Life

Report of a subject having chest pains and officers and EMS responded. The subject was treated on the scene and transported to the hospital by EMS.

8:50 p.m., October 3
University Street

Officers assisted MPD arresting Mr. Angelo J. Brown for outstanding warrants.

10:20 a.m., October 4
University Village

Subject reported theft of personal property. Investigation continues.

11:43 a.m., October 5
Lot 15

Subject reported damage to their vehicle. Investigation continues.

12:47 p.m., October 5
Graves Stables

Traffic accident involving two vehicles.

6:04 p.m., October 5
University Center

Report of a subject that had fainted. Officers and EMS responded. They were treated on the scene and refused transport.

8:07 p.m., October 6
Browning

Mr. Eric M. Hawkins and Mr. Dexter D. Harrell were put on the first offender alcohol violation list through Student Affairs.

2:15 p.m., October 7
Elam Center

Report of a subject that had fallen. Officers and faculty responded. Officers transported the subject to the hospital.

2:08 a.m., October 8
University Courts

Report of a subject having a seizure. Officers and EMS responded and the subject refused treatment and transport.

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Zeta Phi Beta's Talent Showcase had everyone dancing

"A Night of the Stars" showcased dancing, rap performances and a somber poetry reading

India Dean
Staff Writer

The ladies of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. hosted "A Night of the Stars" Talent Showcase in the UC ballroom on Tuesday, Oct. 3. For the price of $2, students were invited to come see a variety of acts. The judges for the competition were representatives from various National PanHellenic Council organizations on campus. The emcee for the night was ZPB member Nastassia Orr.

The show opened with a "Walk It Out" dance contest. While one audience member was zealous in his attempt to win, others were reluctant to showcase their dancing skills. UTM senior Keith Gibbs impressed the crowd by "walking it out" literally in circles around the stage and even tried challenging other members of the audience to dance against him.

Sophomore Rah Jesus and senior T. J Bailey performed an original rap song that kept the crowd on their feet, yelling out different neighborhoods from Memphis.

Freshmen joined in the festivities as well; Justin Brewster and a friend sang "The Day I Married My Angel" by Jamie Foxx. Even though their start was shaky, cheers and encouraging words from the audience allowed the duo to end on a strong note.

The next rapper was Louis Cole. This budding rap artist performed an original piece as well. While showcasing himself, he announced that he was releasing an album under his own record label, 42 Entertainment.





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Audience members react to the different performers who showed off their talents at the Zeta Phi Beta "A Night of the Stars" Talent Showcase.

Melvin Isabel, senior Music Education major from Memphis, had UTM ladies on the edge of their seats as he crooned "Beauty" by Sisquo. He took the audience on an emotional roller coaster and encouraged them to join in with him during the chorus.

During intermission, the audience was encouraged to participate once again for the "Shake Yo Money Maka" dance competition. The reluctant crowd couldn't seem to warm up until Phi Beta Sigma's Lorenzen Lucas ran to the stage and "dropped it like it was hot" on stage. An explosion of cheers came from the audience as he single handedly ended the contest and took home the prize money.

Next came the poetry session. Melissa Kimble and Candace Turner read some of their original poetry.

Kimble talked of a million tears, while Turner talked of her surprising pregnancy. An encouraging applause was given to the emotional poet. The audience was moved as she came to tears while reading her poem.

The show closed out with a dance routine by Alvin Lockett and Candace Smith. The crowd once again was on their feet as they displayed a style of dance simply known as "jukin." The two had battled once before at a party and came together and gave a show-stopping performance.

While the votes were being tallied, the floor was cleared, music was turned on and the audience members got to dance.

A large crowd turned out for the event. The showcase was sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and was open to anyone who wished to participate.

It's that time of year again

Browning Hall gears up for its second pumpkin carving contest

Bessie Cherry
Staff Writer

UTM Housing will host its second pumpkin carving contest Thursday, Oct. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Browning/Ellington circle. All UTM Housing residents are invited to compete in the contest.

Residents will be allowed to compete individually, or in teams of two or three (maximum).

Upon entering the contest, UTM Housing will provide residents with one pumpkin and carving supplies including 12 patterns, one sculpting tool, two saws, one drill, one poker, one scoop and a crayon.

"This is a great opportunity to have a friendly competition and just hang out with friends or meet new people," says Ryan Martin, UTM Assistant Director of Residence Life. "All the residents have to do is show up and have a great time."

Prizes will be awarded to the top three team residents who place. First place winner(s) will win a Domino's Pizza party and a DVD prize pack containing the movies "Scarface: Platinum Edition," "X-Men 3: Collector's Edition" and "The Lake House."

Second place winner(s) will each receive a college survival kit including Red Bull energy drinks, Starbucks Mocha Frappuccinos, Kool Aid, Ramen Noodles, Twinkies, assorted cereals, Slim Jims, fruit snacks, Pringles, chocolate chip granola bars, Easy Mac and other treats. Third place winner(s) will each receive a bucket of Halloween candy and treats.

Martin says the contest was largely successful and a very entertaining event for residents in the years of 2000 and 2001 while he was an RA in Cooper Hall.

Martin says he thought it was a great idea to bring it back.

"We used to do this every year and had a blast. I'm positive that current UTM housing residents will enjoy it as well," adds Martin.

Last year's first place winners were UTM residents Meredith Woodard, Sergio Bustillo and Rina Bustillo. The team of three carved a haunted house into their pumpkin with a willow tree that actually moved with the breeze.

"It was very cool," said Martin.

Preceding the pumpkin contest will be the UTM Fall Fest, hosted by RAs Jake Seeley and Joseph Jones. Fall Fest will begin at 7 p.m. in the Browning/Ellington circle.

"I encourage residents to also attend the Fall Fest. There will be food, music and fire-pits (in case it's cold) leading up to the pumpkin carving activities," says Martin.

For more information on the pumpkin carving contest or the UTM Fall Fest email Martin at rmartin@utm.edu.

Sigma Tau Delta: a place for community and growth

Megan Madden
Staff Writer

There are many honor societies on UTM's campus, but rarely do any of them stand out time and time again.

Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honor Society, is a relatively unknown organization on this campus that does just that. Sigma Tau Delta, composed of around 25 members, has been at UTM for a little over 10 years.

With Dr. Heidi Huse recently becoming their academic adviser, the society has been expanding rapidly and is expected to continue on that track. The society is open to English majors and minors and also to those just interested in literature.

While they carry on the duties of regular societies, such as meetings, they also strive to make a mark in the Martin community. To stay a national chapter, Sigma Tau Delta must do five service projects each year.

Senior English minor Lillie Brewer said, "It's not that we are forced to do the projects, they are something we look forward to every year. We usually have a hard time narrowing down the list of activities we want to accomplish in a year's time."

In the past few years, Sigma Tau Delta has done projects such as Adopt-A-Soldier, reading Halloween books at local libraries and hosting writing projects for local school children. Three new projects that Sigma Tau Delta has taken on this year is a Halloween reading for elementary school children.

Their second project is sponsoring a Thanksgiving writing contest for children from 2nd-7th grade. Each student will be able to write a one-page story on a Thanksgiving-themed topic and submit it. The stories will be judged. Sigma Tau Delta will then host a reading where the winners will be able to present their works and also be given a printed and bound copy of their work. The society will also have other printed and bound copies for sale, and will turn around and use the proceeds to buy books for the childrens' school library.

The other current community service project is helping Fulton City School 4th, 8th, and 12th graders by assessing their essays written for their English portfolios. The members of Sigma Tau Delta will make one-on-one relationships with these children by helping them learn, making them feel like someone really cares about their future and give them hope for tasks they are now completing in school. The care and compassion of just a few has already helped so many.

Sigma Tau Delta exemplifies everything an honors society should be. Not only have they helped the community grow, they themselves have grown.

Senior Secretary Ashley Ragon said, "Sigma Tau Delta has allowed me to grow as a person through doing services for those in the community who have helped UTM and Martin for so many years."

For more information about Sigma Tau Delta contact Dr. Heidi Huse at 881-7300 or hhuse@utm.edu.

Saxophone and clarinet come together in beautiful harmony

Vivian Yin
Staff Writer

UTM is not a big school, but it has one of the best learning environments for students. That is the reason why UTM has many more students who enroll in the fall semester as compared with last semester. The Music Department plays a very important role on the campus.

Music is one of the most important elements that students need to relax after studying. Music can be used to release our anger and to calm ourselves down so we won't become very aggressive. The Music Department provides a series of concerts during each semester. Each concert will be held at Harriet Fulton Theatre in Fine Arts Building. Students should get themselves involved in these activities. There is no fee to attend the events.

There was a concert held on Thursday, Oct. 5. The music department invited two guests over to perform only for one night. One was Lisa Oberlander. Another was Amy Griffiths. They are two shining stars in the music industry. Oberlander's major instrument is the clarinet. She went to Japan with some founding members of the Fountain City Ensemble in 2005 and performed in Tokyo. There were two other performances in which she played with the famous international pianists Jon Kimura Parker and Andre Gaskin which included two performances of the Brahms Trio.

Griffiths recently recorded her single for the clarinet. The record will be released in early 2007. She also played with some symphony groups, including the Phoenix Symphony Orchestra, the Columbus Symphony Orchestra and the Aspen Music Festival Orchestra. She has been invited to perform live on WTVM (ABC). Her performance pieces are always the best choices on Georgia Public Radio. She has worked on the faculty of the Georgia Governor's Honors Program from 2001-03.

Griffiths is more interested in playing the saxophone. She has toured all over the United States, Canada, Europe and as far away as Japan. She founded a group known as The Fountain City Ensemble with three of her best friends, who include Lisa Oberlander (clarinet), Andree Martin (flute), and Paul Vaillancourt (percussion) in 2003. They toured Japan and presented the world premiere of their group in the city of Tokyo in 2005. She also has a saxophone CD which is going to be released in the winter of 2006. She is in the Columbus State University Percussion Ensemble and is working on their recording of Charles Griffin's *Fist Through Traffic* for alto saxophone and percussion. She has worked for the Orquesta Panamericana band in Phoenix, Ariz. for the past two years.

When she was in Arizona, she was also in the Jazz group Dixie Devil. Dixie Devil specializes in early New Orleans-style Jazz. She enjoys working as a performer. As soon as she moved to Georgia, she was playing in several soul bands. They include Saints and Sinners and Maxwell Lummus. She also works at Columbus State University. She teaches saxophone quartets, chamber music, small-group Jazz and woodwind methods as well. She has her own feeling about music, and maintains a dynamic saxophone studio.

It was quiet in Harriet Fulton Theatre because there were not many people who showed up to the concert. Most viewers were UTM students who were Music majors, except a few people who were from outside of campus. The show lasted an hour, and there was a ten-minute break between the two sections. Professor Elaine Harriss performed with Griffiths and Oberlander during the concert. Her role is the piano part of the performance. She is a fine pianist, and she has been teaching at UTM for a long time.

The next event sponsored by the Music Department will be the Chamber Ensemble concert, which will be held tonight at 7:30 pm in the Harriet Fulton Theatre. For a list of upcoming shows, you can check out the UTM Web site or call the Music Department at 881-7402.

The happiest season of all

Rachel Rogers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

No, I'm not talking about Christmas. I'm talking about Halloween!

Halloween is perhaps the most misunderstood of all the holidays. Perceived as being a "Satanic" holiday by many, it actually gets its roots from the same place as Christmas and Easter: paganism.

According to www.history.com, "Halloween's origins date back to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain." It was on this day, the night before the new year (which they celebrated on Nov. 1), the Celts believed that the spirits of the dead walked the earth and caused trouble.

Modern traditions of wearing costumes and even bobbing for apples came out of this era. It wasn't until a little later that trick-or-treating and jack-o'lanterns came into the picture.

As a kid, I always looked forward to Halloween night not just for the candy, but because I could be whoever I wanted to be for that one night. I could go out and get a good fright before coming home and pigging out on that year's treat bag. Even as I got older, I still refused to give it up. One year my mom told me I was too old to go out trick-or-treating, and so we rented a number of scary movies, made creepy snacks and spent the night at home. Needless to say, I was back out trick-or-treating the next year.

One of my favorite things about Halloween is making my own costume. My mother and I would spend the whole month of October making my outfit. One year I was a Powerpuff Girl, bow and Mary Janes included. And another year, I was a faerie, with wings that were so wide I couldn't sit down without knocking into something. When it comes to Halloween costumes, the sky — and your imagination — is the limit.

And, of course, there is the candy. It wouldn't be Halloween without candy now, would it? My favorite was always caramel apples. Many people just handed out the cheap stuff, so to get a caramel apple was a rare treat. Of course, as soon as one of those was dropped into my bag, I would immediately start to eat it. I never paid attention to all of those news stories about razor blades being hidden inside the candy. My parents only took me to houses of people they knew, so we never even bothered to check the candy. And never once did I find poison or anything in my apples. Though I did get sick one year, but I still blame the fact that I watched *The Blair Witch Project* that night.

Holiday Facts

•The American tradition of "trick-or-treating" probably dates back to the early All Souls' Day parades in England. During the fesitivites, poor citizens would beg for food and families would give them pastries called "soul cakes" in return for their promise to pray for the family's dead relatives. The tradition of soul cakes was encouraged by the church as a way to replace the ancient practice of leaving food and wine for roaming spirits. The practice, which was referred to as "going a-souling" was eventually taken up by children who would visit the houses in their neigborhood and be given ale, food and money

• The tradition of dressing in costume for Halloween has both European and Celtic roots. Hundreds of years ago, winter was an uncertain and frightening time. Food supplies often ran low and, for the many people afraid of the dark, the short days of winter were full of constant worry. On Halloween, when it was believed that ghosts came back to the earthly world, people thought that they would encounter ghosts if they left their home. To avoid being recognized by these ghosts, people would wear masks when they left their homes after dark so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits. On Halloween, to keep ghosts away from their houses, people would place bowls of food outside their homes to appease the ghosts and prevent them from attempting to enter.

•Today, Americans spend an estimated $6.9 billion annually on Halloween, making it the country's second largest commercial holiday.

•The White House is supposedly one of the most haunted houses in America.

•In Mexico, Latin America and Spain, All Souls' Day, which takes place on Nov. 2, is commemorated with a three-day celebration that begins on the evening of Oct. 31. This is known as El Dia De Los Muertos, which is translated The Day of the Dead.

• A traditional food eaten on Halloween in Ireland is bambrack, a kind of fruitcake that can be bought in stores or baked at home. A muslin-wrapped treat is baked inside the cake that, it is said, can fortell the eater's future.

Information courtesy of ***WWW.HISTORY.COM***

Getting ready for Halloween 2006

Rachel Rogers
Arts & Entertainment Editor

As you gear up for this year's Halloween celebrations, there are probably a number of questions running through your mind: What am I going to wear? What decorations am I going to put up? What kind of candy am I going to buy? And how much am I going to spend?

According to the Nationald Retail Federation 2005 Halloween Consumer Intentions and Actions Survey, consumers are expected to spend $3.29 billion on Halloween supplies this year.

On www.everythinghalloween.com, the top predicted costumes for this Halloween are pirates, *Star Wars: Episode III, Superman Returns,* Disney Princesses, *Batman, Harry Potter,* Tom Arma, "Justice League Superheroes," "Power Rangers Space Patrol Delta" and Renaissance Faire.

According to www.halloweenassociation.com, the Top 10 most popular costumes for 2006 are Supergirl, Frank the Dog, Elvira, Skull Fountain, Captain Jack Sparrow, Ariel the Little Mermaid, Tom Arma Monkey Signature Collection, Ball and Chain couples costume, pineapple sunglasses and *Superman Returns.*

Halloweenassociation.com is a one-stop site for costume ideas and decoration tips for those with tight budgets, or those who wait until the last minute. Also, you can find links to other Web sites that include recipes, safety tips, Halloween books and even local haunted houses.

What about those of you who just want to sit at home on Halloween night and curl up in front of a good old scary movie? There are dozens to choose from! But which ones are the tried and true classics that have had audiences screaming with fright for years?

Top 20 scariest horror movies of all time

1. *The Thing* (1982)
2. *Ju-on* (2000)
3. *The Ring* (2003)
4. *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1978)
5. *Alien* (1975)
6. *Dawn of the Dead* (1978)
7. *Evil Dead II* (1987)
8. *Halloween* (1978)
9. *The Shining* (1980)
10. *Quartermass and the Pit* (1968)
11. *The Exorcist* (1973)
12. *Jaws* (1975)
13. *Jacob's Ladder* (1990)
14. *The Changeling* (1980)
15. *In the Mouth of Madness* (1994)
16. *Hellraiser* (1987)
17. *Texas Chainsaw Massacre* (19740
18. *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991)
19. *A Tale of Two Sisters* (2003)
20. *Event Horizon* (1997)

Source: *www.boston.com*

October always produces a few good horror flicks, and this year is no different. *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning* debuted at No. 2 this weekend on the box office after opening this past Friday. *Saw III* will bring the return of Jigsaw and friends on Oct. 27. And the all-time Halloween classic, Tim Burton's *The Nightmare Before Christmas* is being re-released this year in 3D. It will hit select theatres on Oct. 20.

Of course, you can always rent the usual Halloween favorites. *The Boston Globe* compiled a list of the top 50 scariest movies of our time, with *The Thing* coming in at the top spot, and *Arachnophobia* finishing the list. These are all movies that you'll probably have trouble finding at the video rental store the closer it gets to Oct. 31.

Another fun way to spend Halloween is to hit up the local haunted houses. You could just hang around campus. Stories of ghosts in the Fine Arts Building, Browning Hall and, more well-known, Clement Hall, abound. And on Halloween night, you just might be able to catch a glimpse of one of these famous residents that call UTM home.

According to www.theshadowlands.com, the old Dyersburg Middle School gym was haunted by the ghosts of two teachers who were having an affair and was shot by the wife of one of the teachers. In Chapel Hill Cemetery in McKenzie, strange lights have been reported as "dancing" above the graves. Hope Hill Cemetery in Medina is perhaps better known as the Dollhouse Cemetery. A little girl who was killed is buried there, with a dollhouse placed over her grave. However, due to past problems, the cemetery closes at dark, and the caretaker lives at the end of the street. At the Dumpling Hill Cemetery in Paris, the ghost of a slave who was hanged is said to chase away visitors. And there are a number of haunted areas in Memphis as well.

So with Halloween quickly approaching, it's time to get your costume ready, dust off your broomsticks and pointy hats, and stock up on the candy. This year's celebration promises to be more 'spook-tacular' than any other.

Weekend Box Office results

Title	Weekend earnings	Total earnings
1. *The Departed*	$27,000,000	$27,000,000
2. *Texas Chainsaw Massacre: The Beginning*	$19,100,000	$19,100,000
3. *Open Season*	$16,000,000	$44,100,000
4. *Employee of the Month*	$11,800,000	$11,800,000
5.*The Guardian*	$9,600,000	$32,400,000
6. *Jackass Number 2*	$6,400,000	$62,700,000
7. *School for Scoundrels*	$3,400,000	$14,000,000
8. *Gridiron Gang*	$2,300,000	$36,600,000
9. *Jet Li's Fearless*	$2,200,000	$21,700,000
10. *The Illusionist*	$1,800,000	$34,100,000

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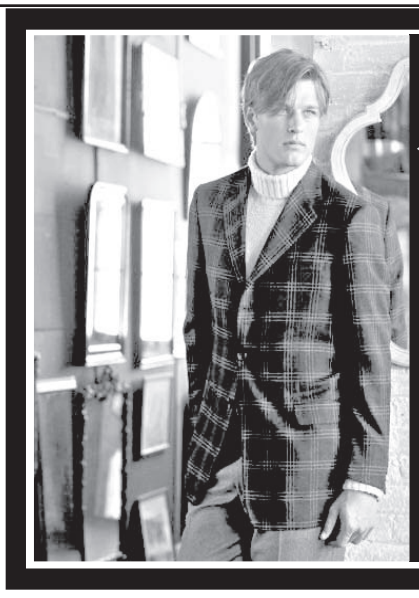
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New section offers tech help for UTM

Matt Cook
Technical Editor



As I am sure most of our readers are aware, the world of technology that surrounds us can be both scary and exciting. We at *The Pacer* want to help make a little more sense of this crazy, fast-paced world by expanding our sections to include technology, which we are calling "The Technophile."

So what exactly is a technophile? Technophilia comes from "technology" (obviously) and "phile" which is from the Greek *Philia* which means brotherly love, but has been taken to mean "someone obsessed with something."

Please note that despite the similarity in wording, technophiles are not and have nothing to do with pedophiles or another -phile word that inappropriately uses technology (e.g. the Internet, child pornography, etc).

With that in mind, we hope to provide exciting and informative content that helps the campus of UTM stay up-to-date on the latest in technology. Be it cell phones or anti-virus software, our Top 5 sites of the week, or reviews from laptops to digital cameras, we are all about connecting UTM to a connected world. Also, if you're interested in writing about technology (including video game reviews and/or news), send us an e-mail at pacer_tech@utm.edu

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Elizabeth Watts
Executive Editor

If someone walks around campus, they're likely to see half of the students with a phone pressed up to their ear. Some people don't care if they have the most recent phone as long as it serves its purpose.

However, many students count down the days until a new cell phone hits the market. In today's society, having the latest cell phone is an object to show their status. Recently, the trend has been to get the slimmest, tiniest phone possible.

The new Motorola Razr V3 by Cingular is about the slimmest phone on the market. Many women like the Razr line, because it's the only phone that comes in bright pink. However, get past the loud color and there are many features that make it a wonderful cell phone.

The Razr comes with a 1,000 name phone book. The phone also has a camera, Web browser, MP3 support, and AOL Instant Messenger. The Motorola Razr V3 costs around $250 from Cingular, but shop around on the Web for cheaper prices.

The Palm Treo 700w is technically a Smart Phone, which means it is a cell phone and PDA in one. The Palm Treo 700w runs Windows Mobile 5, a Windows operating system for PDAs, has a 1.3 megapixel camera, and comes with Bluetooth capabilities.

Users can also receive email from Microsoft Outlook, and the Treo 700w also has a download speed of 400Kbps to 700Kbps with EV-DO. EV-DO means Evolution-Data Only, which means it can only download high-speed data.

However, many reviewers say that the size and weight of the Smart Phone is too big. The Palm Treo 700w is 4.4 inches by 2.3 inches. The screen doesn't have as good resolution which gives the screen a washed out look. The Palm Treo 700w is available from Verizon for $499.

The LG Chocolate by Verizon was released in August after much hype. Many students will like the Chocolate because it has many multimedia features. It supports WMA and MP3 formats, and every song costs 99 cents. The Chocolate also has email and instant messaging support.

One of the features that the Chocolate lacks is a speakerphone. The most basic cell phones has a speakerphone, but the Chocolate doesn't. There's also a low-talk battery life that many users won't be happy with. The LG Chocolate is $149 from Verizon.

The most durable phone on the market right now is the Nextel i580. Nextel has always been known for their durable phones, because Nextel phones are usually covered in rubber. One feature that many phones don't have that the i580 has is the capability to support 2 phone lines. The Next i580 also comes with Bluetooth, 25MB of internal memory and a Micro SD slot. With all Nextel phones, the i580 has walkie-talkie capabilities up to six miles with other Nextel phones.

The Nextel i580 is big and bulky, but it's durable and comes with a lot of features. This phone is perfect for anyone who's accident-prone and likes to drop their phone. The i580 is available from Nextel for $249.

The Nokia n80 has many features that other phones have, but the n80 has a 3-megapixel camera and 20x zoom and a VGA camera. The n80 has two cameras in one phone. Users can also add text to the photo and reduce red eye. It also has a few Smart Phone capabilities that lets users view Microsoft Office documents and check email.

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The only drawback to the Nokia n80 is that there's no backing from a U.S. company. This means that the n80 will cost users around $700. The n80 is expensive, but users will definitely get their money's worth in features.

When buying a cell phone, people have to decide what they're looking for. If someone wants a phone and hand-held computer in one, then a Palm Treo 700w would be the best bet. If someone has a bad habit of throwing and dropping their phone, a Nextel i580 would be the best choice. The type of phone depends on the features a buyer wants and the price they're willing to pay for it. Cell phones are almost mandatory for students now, and it's important that students get the best deal for the best price.

Editor's choice: anti-virus software

Matt Cook
Technical Editor

McAfee VirusScan Enterprise 8.0.0:

Pros: Free to UTM students (given on ITS Technology CD at SOAR, also available at www.utm.edu/antivirussw). Simple to maintain through "Update Now" feature. Runs in Windows' background and does not require a lot of system resources.

Cons: Anti-virus only (no firewall, spyware, or anti-phishing protection.) A few viruses get through. No automatic updates; students and faculty must remember to download updates periodically.

Bottom Line: McAfee VirusScan Enterprise is a good piece of software offered for free by Information Technology Services and required for Windows computers run on campus. Because it is free, however, students and faculty should use a firewall or anti-spyware/phishing software in addition to VirusScan. These programs primarily run in the background, similar to VirusScan, and should not heavily tax the computer's system resources.

Norton Internet Security 2007

Pros: Effective. Plain and simple, Internet Security 2007 automatically blocks viruses, prevents online identity theft, has anti-spyware and a firewall and provides a Protection Center to check all of the system's security settings in one location.

Cons: Price: $69.99 direct from Symantec.com. Anti-spam, while included as an additional service to the many listed above, misses plenty of spam email.

Bottom Line: Norton seems to continue its dominance at the top of the anti-virus software world with Internet Security 2007. It has already received awards from PC World, PC Magazine, and RedmondMag.com for its features and dependable malware prevention. Cost can be a factor, especially for students, but for Windows users concerned about viruses and protection, there is no more complete package of features.

Grisoft AVG Free Edition

Pros: Provides a mostly complete anti-virus protection, free to anybody (available at http://free.grisoft.com.) Automatic, regular definition updates and real-time protection of files and email attachments.

— See 'Anti-Virus' on Page 10

Five Web sites to learn something, do something or kill time

Jay Baker
Asst. News Editor

1. **www.digg.com** - This site gets the number one spot this time because of its uniqueness, clean design and functionality. Basically, digg is a user-submitted news site. Users link to stories they think are interesting and other users can "digg" (rate) the stories causing them to move up the ranks, very cool idea. Be sure to check out the "swarm" and "stack" feature for a flash visualization of what's hot on digg. This site is part of a new trend in media where the content is either user chosen or oriented. Out with the old, in with the new.

2. **www.instructables.com** - Ever wanted to know how to build an office supplies trebuchet? What about a lego usb flash drive? There's even an "instructable" on how to "pimp your rubix cube." A lot of the stuff on this site is little more than a waste of time as far as practicality goes, but all of it is at least interesting to read about. But, some of the projects are really useful and creative such as how to clean your laptop or a great recipe. Also, if you have a cool do-it-yourself project, you can share it here and see what others think.

3. **www.westegg.com/cliche** - This site offers a novel concept: a cliché search engine. Type in a word and it searches a database of over 3,300 clichés to find all related clichés. Now, you will always have just the cliché you need. This site is defitenly "the cat's meow."

4. **www.wikipedia.org** - Most people have heard of this site by now, but if you have not, now is a great chance to become acquainted with this site. Wikipedia is an open encyclopedia, meaning that anyone can create and edit pages. This sounds like it would lead to trouble (and some times it does), but generally the information is very accurate, especially when it comes to popular culture. Most professors do not let you use it as a source, but it is a great place to start research. It's a great place to find information about new bands or movies. Also, keep an eye on Wikiversity, a new project that is designed to make learning open and free for everyone, it should turn out to be pretty revolutionary.

5. **www.flickr.com** - Flickr, recently bought by Yahoo!, is a photo storing and sharing site that allows users to upload their photos and share them with friends. It has a very sleek design and is really functional. You can edit and tag your photos, link them to your blog, and even order prints. The site also has a nice groups feature. Plus, you can now use your Yahoo! ID to log in.

E-books allow students to stay in pajamas

Elizabeth Watts
Executive Editor

All students dread studying in the library and being surrounded by books, but the UTM library has e-books that students can access from any computer with an Internet connection from the comfort of their dorm.

An e-book is an electronic version of a printed book. The e-books are usually uploaded in a pdf file which means that the e-book will open in Adobe Acrobat. UTM has 25,000 e-books through a database that they subscribe to every year.

"We use a service called netLibrary that we subscribe to every year. When we sign up each year, they upload more books into our current e-books library," said Jim Nance, library associate professor

Students will find that there are many advantages to using e-books. Students can search through e-books for specific subjects and distributed instantly so that readers can immediately begin to read.

E-books are free to the students, but the UTM library pays to access the service every year depending on student enrollment.

"The cost is usually tied to enrollment. In the past year, it's cost $5,000, but that might go up because student enrollment has increased," said Nance.

UTM students may find that sometimes they need a book that someone has already checked out. Checked out books can cause students to fall behind on assignments, but with e-books, many people can read the same book simultaneously.

"Students have to create an account on campus, but after they create and set up the account, they can access our e-books collection from anywhere in the world," Nance said.

On the UTM library Web site, under tutorials and guides, students can read directions on how to set up a netLibrary account on campus. The library website recommends that students use the most current version Internet Explorer when reading e-books from netLibrary.

According to the UTM library Web site, students will recognize an e-book because a message will say, "Click on the following to: An electronic book accessible through the World Wide Web, click for information."

E-books are a huge source of information at the UTM library, and many students don't realize that vast amount of e-books that are available. However, students should understand that when writing a paper, e-books and hard copies of books are cited two different ways. E-books can help students who need one more source for their paper or want to read books about a certain subject.

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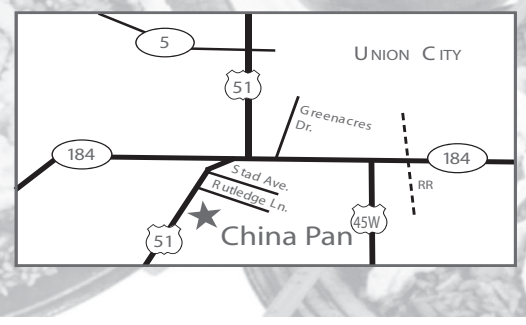
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Skyhawks come away from Golden Eagles' nest with victory

Brad Hurt
Sports Editor

The milestones just keep piling up for this year's edition of Skyhawk football.

The team snapped a 41-game Ohio Valley Conference road losing streak with a 35-16 win over host Tennessee Tech that featured a 214-yard rushing performance by senior tailback Don Chapman.

Not to be outdone, redshirt junior Jaymond Perry rushed for 38 yards on three carries and scored the first two touchdowns of his career in the first half.

As a team, the Skyhawks rushed for 289 yards, more than double the Golden Eagles' total of 107 yards.

The Skyhawks averaged 6.6 yards per carry while the Golden Eagles averaged only 2.7 yards per carry.

Also contributing to the effort on the ground were Marcus Dawson, who rushed the ball nine times for 31 yards, and Greg Preston, who carried the ball four times for 13 yards.

"I was really pleased with the offensive line, our tight ends and our running backs. I thought we ran the ball hard and that was the difference in the game," said Skyhawk head coach Jason Simpson.

That effort proved to be crucial on a night when poor weather conditions hindered the passing game, resulting in only two completions in the game for UTM quarterback Dexter Anoka.

Anoka and Preston combined to complete 2-of-12 passes for 40 yards, with 30 of those yards coming on one play.

Although they got little accomplished through the air, quality proved to be more important than quantity as one of the completions was a 30-yarder to Jamaal Akbar for a touchdown late in the third quarter to put the Skyhawks on top by a score of 28-16.

That score gave the Skyhawks a little bit more breathing room after the Golden Eagles had pulled to within five points at 21-16 with a touchdown pass of their own.

The Skyhawk defense got things started early in the game by forcing a turnover on the Golden Eagles' first drive.

Tech quarterback Lee Sweeney completed a short pass and threw an incompletion from his own 39-yard line before the turnover occurred.

Skyhawk linebacker Markeseo Jackson came up with the big play by sacking Sweeney and forcing a fumble that was recovered by Nate Wilson at the Tech 36-yard line and returned to the 25.

Six plays later, redshirt junior tailback Jaymond Perry plunged into the end zone from the three-yard line to put the Skyhawks on top with the first touchdown of his college career.

"Jaymond Perry is a great program guy. I don't have enough good things to say about Jaymond," Simpson said.

"He is what college football is all about. He loves this program, he loves his teammates, and he is the epitome of what you want a student-athlete to be," he continued.

Perry added his second score on a 32-yard run on the Skyhawks' first drive of the second quarter that provided an answer to a field goal by Tech's Nate Johnson.

"Scoring tonight was just awesome. To score twice is just awesome," Perry said.

Johnson connected on another field goal from 25 yards out to send the teams to the locker rooms at halftime with the Skyhawks holding a 14-6 lead over the home team.



A good kickoff return by Larry Shipp set up the Golden Eagles in good field position to start the second half.

However, the Skyhawk defense clamped down in the red zone and held the Tech offense to a third Johnson field goal. Jack Greenwood and Dontrell Miller combined to sack Sweeney on a 3rd-and-8 play to force a field goal attempt.

The kick cut the Skyhawk lead to 14-9 but they found the breathing room they needed in the blink of an eye.

Merely 18 seconds after the ball sailed through the uprights on one end of the field, it found its way back into the end zone on the other end of the field in the form of a dazzling 96-yard kickoff return by UTM's Jesse Burton.

That play shifted the momentum back to the visitors' sideline if only for a short while.

The pesky Golden Eagles picked themselves up after the score and put together a drive that found the end zone for the first time and trimmed the Skyhawk lead to 21-16 with just under 4:30 remaining in the third quarter.

Running back Derek White opened the drive with a 23-yard gain that was followed by a 15-yard completion by Sweeney that moved the Golden Eagles into Skyhawk territory at the 48-ayrd line.

A 19-yard run by Anthony Ash then set up a touchdown pass from Sweeney to Shipp.

That score would be the last time the Golden Eagles would challenge the Skyhawk lead.

The Skyhawks scored quickly at the close of the third quarter to stretch the lead to 12 points at 28-16.

Chapman ran for 30 yards on the drive, while Anoka completed a 10-yard pass to E.J. Daniel and a 30-yarder to Akbar for the score.

The final score came after the Skyhawks forced a Golden Eagle punt on the first possession of the fourth quarter.

The Skyhawks took over at midfield and used a steady dose of Chapman to pound the ball down the field.

The backbreaker for the Golden Eagles was the second play of the drive, a Chapman run that went for 31 yards to the Golden Eagle 21-yard line.

On 4th-and-1 with the ball on the Golden Eagle 12 yard line, Chapman plowed ahead for the score.

The final Golden Eagle drive stalled at their own 38 after a five-yard completoin left them one yard shy of gaining a first down.

With the win, the Skyhawks moved into a tie with Eastern Illinois for first place in the OVC with a 2-0 conference record and a 5-1 mark overall.

The winning streak is the longest for the program since 1988.

The win also brought to an end the team's lengthy conference road drought that began during the 1996 season.

"I am real proud of our kids," Simpson said.

"It wasn't the prettiest, but ultimately you are judged on wins and losses. We found a way to win this game," he added.

The Skyhawks' quest for a sixth consecutive win will wait an extra week as the team will enjoy a break before heading to Birmingham for an Oct. 21 game against OVC foe Samford.

The Bulldogs are tied for last place in the OVC with Murray State at 0-3.

Volleyball team beats EKU, falls to Morehead in home play

Brad Hurt
Sports Editor

The Skyhawk volleyball team pulled off one amazing comeback this weekend but failed to repeat the performance as they split matches with Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State.

The Skyhawks dropped the first two games against the Lady Colonels before rallying to complete an unlikely 3-2 win.

Errors proved to be a problem for the home team throughout the weekend as they were reapeatedly unable to build momentum as a result of their mistakes.

The first game remained close until a string of Skyhawk errors allowed the Lady Colonels to pull away to a comfortable lead and ultimately win the game, 30-21.

In the second game, the Skyhawks got off to another slow start, falling behind by as much as 14-5.

Following the break, the home team made a brief comeback but could not find enough momentum to pull themselves back into the game.

The EKU coach did her part to affect the dynamics of the game by repeatedly arguing with the officials about various calls.

Her outbursts had a negative impact on her own team, however, and helped the Skyhawks to make a run late in the game. The Skyhawks pulled to within six points on a few occasions during the game but could not come any closer. A string of errors late in the game sealed their fate as the Lady Colonels won by a 30-22 score.

The third game was close throughout as the two teams traded points from the start. Neither team could claim a lead of more than two points until the Lady Colonels took a 20-16 lead. At that point, the Skyhawks refused to go down without a fight. They rattled off a string of points to take a 24-21 lead and force an EKU timeout.

The Lady Colonels answered the Skyhawks' burst with one of their own to even the score at 25. The Skyhawks then closed the game with a run to win 31-29 and force a fourth game.

The emotional charge created by the Skyhawks' rally in the previous game carried over early in the fourth game as they claimed a lead. The Skyhawks took complete control of the game early on and never relinquished their lead.

Junior Jamie Hollins and senior Tammy Konitzer both made key serves that helped the team gain critical points. An ace by Konitzer gave the Skyhawks a 26-19 lead before the Lady Colonels attempted a comeback. Their rally proved to be futile, however, as the Skyhawks held on for a 30-23 win.

The Skyhawks' win in game four evened the match at two games each and forced a winner-take-all fifth game. Jett came through in a big way for the Skyhawks in the fifth game, tying the score at 2-2 and then giving the Skyhawks a 5-3 lead.

The Lady Colonels attempted to regain their composure during a timeout but could not reverse the momentum of the game as the Skyhawks went on to win 15-9. The win completed the Skyhawks' unlikely comeback.

"This match has finally shown how mature this group of young ladies are. It showed how determined they are to reach the goals the have set for themselves. After the first couple of games we could have lay down and died or come out and fight," said UTM head coach Amy Draper.

On Saturday, the Skyhawks looked to build on their emotional win from the previous night as they faced second-place Morehead State.

Unfortunately, their luck had run out as they came out flat and suffered a 3-0 sweep at the hands of the Lady Eagles.

The Skyhawks struggled with errors throughout the match. They fell behind 7-3 in the opening game before pulling even with a brief run. The Lady Eagles then pulled off a significant run that sealed the win as they scored 16 of the next 23 points to take a 23-10 lead. The Skyhawks attempted a comeback but came up short in the end 30-25.

The Skyhawks struck first in the second game and led 7-5 following an ace by Konitzer but once again found the lead slippery.

It eluded their grasp as a result of errors that helped the Lady Eagles jump on top 11-10. The Skyhawks forced an MSU timeout by taking a 16-15 lead. Following the break, the Lady Eagles pulled away for good en route to a 30-25 win.

The Skyhawks entered the third game hoping for a repeat of Friday's comeback but it was not to be.

They fell behind early once again and found the uphill climb too tough to overcome.

The Lady Eagles forced a Skyhawk timeout by stretching their lead to 17-5. The Skyhawks then made a surge of their own to pull to within 25-21 before falling 30-23.

With the loss, the Skyhawks' record fell to 14-6 overall and 3-3 in the Ohio Valley Conference. The team is currently alone in fourth place in the OVC, one game behind SEMO and Tennessee State.

The team will return to action this weekend when they play host to Eastern Illinois and SEMO. The last-place Lady Panthers will invade the fieldhouse on Friday at 7 p.m. while the third-place Lady Redhawks will pay a visit to UTM on Saturday at 2 p.m.



Trevor Ruszkowski/ UTM Sports Information

UTM junior middle Sarah Jett prepares to spike the ball during a match earlier this year. Jett recorded 13 kills and hit .242 in the Skyhawks' victory over Eastern Kentucky on Friday at the Skyhawk Fieldhouse. Junior Dimphy Sasse led the team with 14 kills and a .344 hitting percentage as the Skyhawks saw their season record move to 13-6 after the split.

GO SKYHAWKS!

Soccer team plays to tie with EKU, falls to Morehead in road matches

UTM Sports Information

The UTM women's soccer team battled to a 0-0 tie after two overtime periods with Morehead State University Sunday afternoon.

The Skyhawks' goalkeeper, Cara Sullivan, collected a record-setting save in the match, breaking the UTM freshman saves record. The Skyhawks record moves to 3-8-2 (1-3-2 OVC) and Morehead 5-7-1 (3-1-1 OVC).

The Skyhawks, coming off a double overtime match in a previous game, again went 110 minutes in conference play. The first half saw a very aggressive Morehead State team come out with a physical game plan to attack the goal. UTM's defense and Sullivan stymied each scoring opportunity for the Eagles. Sullivan collected three saves in the first half of play.

Offensive threats for the Skyhawks were hindered as the top two scorers, forward Katie Behrens and midfielder Kendall Straessle, were both battling illness. Behrens was still able to provide the Skyhawks' best scoring opportunity in the first half, firing a shot at the 14:05 mark only to see it saved by Morehead State goalkeeper Leslie King.

The second half saw the physical play intensify as Morehead State received three yellow cards in the second half alone, adding to one received in the first half. The Skyhawk defense continued to deny each offensive threat in the second half. Sullivan collected six saves, adding to her season total of 102, earning her a spot atop the Skyhawk record books. Sullivan becomes the all-time leader in saves for a freshman, passing Jane Carroll who collected 94 saves in 1999.

At the conclusion of regulation play, UTM moved into overtime for the second match in a row. The Skyhawks' best opportunity to end the match came on a shot from the foot of defender Jamie Furstenburg in the 109th minute, but it was just wide.

"Both teams fought very hard today," said Skyhawk head coach Craig Roberts. "I'm very proud of our girls for matching the aggressive play from Morehead. They were really able to rise to the occasion and earning a point on the road is always important."

By earning a point for the tie, the Skyhawks continue to control their own destiny in attempts to return to the OVC tournament.

The soccer team went into Sunday's fray with Morehead after battling the Eastern Kentucky Colonels on Friday to a 0-0 tie in double overtime. The tie moves the Skyhawks' record to 3-8-2 and 1-3-2 in the OVC. Eastern Kentucky's record stands at 2-9-1 overall, 0-3-1 in conference.

UTM's defense was able to contain the EKU offensive attack throughout the first half. Limiting them to only seven shot attempts, goalkeeper Sullivan wasn't even tested during the first half.

The Skyhawks had their best opportunities to score in the first half, challenging EKU goalkeeper Christina Graul on several occasions only to see her deflect each shot away.

UTM continued to apply defensive pressure as EKU elevated its offensive pressure. The Skyhawks' defense was able to withstand the run EKU made and force the game into overtime.

Late in the first overtime, EKU had itsbest opportunity to end the game when Georgia Koromelas fired a shot only to see it tipped out of harm's way by Sullivan.

In the second overtime period, Skyhawk defender Jamie Furstenburg and the UTM team saw their best opportunity to win the game bound off the left post after a free kick from 20 yards.

The soccer team will next face conference leader Samford University at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 13, at home.

In last fall action, men's tennis falls to host team in Louisville tourney

UTM Sports Information

The UTM men's tennis team competed in the Louisville Invitational this past weekend. The men played well for many stretches but just could not keep it consistent. Four of the seven men advanced to the second round of singles, but just could not keep up their level of play.

"I think the biggest problem of the weekend was our lack of consistency. We would play well for stretches, but just not for an entire match and it cost us in the results," said Coach Dennis Taylor.

The men know the level they have to play at in order to compete in the OVC. This weekend was another indication that they are close but still have some work to do in order to win the conference.

"The men realize they are still not at the level they need to be. They saw this weekend that they can elevate their game but just not at a consistent basis. We will continue to practice at a high level and hopefully this will lead to more consistent play," added Coach Taylor.

This tournament will most likely be the last action of the fall season for the men. They will not compete in the ITA Regionals next week but will try to play another home match in the next few weeks. If unable to schedule a match, they will be off until January.

Anti-virus: Continued from page 7

Cons: Control Center is difficult to navigate (and is not used frequently.) Scheduling of automatic updates and scans is limited to daily in free mode. Once again, the anti-virus is standalone, lacking a firewall and other top features.

Bottom Line: AVG works well in tandem with McAfee VirusScan Enterprise. Despite the lack of scheduling options and anti-spyware/phishing features, good products that are available for free grab attention every time.

McAfee Total Protection (Security Center)

Pros: Great anti-virus protection in a trusted, household name. Large number of features in addition to anti-virus protection, including anti-spyware, SpamKiller and a firewall, just to name a few.

Cons: Because the program provides such a number of features, most of which run simultaneously, Total Protection slows down system performance considerably. A majority of features need improvement. Anti-spyware crashes some systems. $79.99 yearly subscription cost.

Bottom Line: Even considering the great feature set available, Total Protection's yearly cost and system resources consumption is not worth the added functionality.

Strike: Continued from cover

beyond three weeks.

The demands of the Union members are simple said Willis Hicks, Union representative for the Union City USW.

"We want to keep all USW plants open. We want a fair and equitable contract. We do not want Goodyear to try to cut our benefits. But most importantly we want Goodyear to remember us and remember how we helped them in the past," said Hicks

Hicks feels that USW was forced into the strike. The main focus of the USW workers is to keep the current benefits and pension plan that they have with Goodyear minus a concession package agreed upon in 2003.

On the other hand Goodyear has concerns of its own.

"We simply cannot accept a contract that knowingly creates a competitive disadvantage verses our foreign-owned competition and increases our cost disadvantage verses imports," said Jim Allen, Goodyear's chief negotiator.

Goodyear also feels that the closing of two plants falls along those same lines. In a presentation on Sept. 14 of this year negotiators at Goodyear presented the USW with a plan which called for plant protection for all but two Goodyear master plants.

Furthermore, this strike is the effect of many unresolved issues between Goodyear and USW dating back to 2003. In 2003, with Goodyear on the verge of bankruptcy, the USW agreed to come to the company's aid and accept a concessionary package. This package called for USW workers take a cut to their benefits and pensions. Because of these efforts Goodyear climbed out of the red. Now, three years later, faced with two plants closing, and no contract to meet their demands, the union workers feel it is time that they act.

For many USW workers in Union City the strike came as an answer to prayers.

"We are a very versatile plant, producing 80-to-90 different types of tires. Some of our jobs are pretty rough. The heat is tremendous, there are chemicals that we deal with, so we truly earn our money. But the Goodyear company wants us to take more wage cuts and reduce our benefits, and we just can't let that happen," said USW member and resident of Union City who asked to remain anonymous.

However, other members of the union are less enthusiastic about the walk out. Max Burney, one of 2250 USW members at the Union City plant feels that he and fellow union members are being forced into a catch 22.

"It all boils down to the fact that they [Goodyear] are going to shut down 2 plants and there is nothing we can do about it," said Burney. "I am paying $900 a year. Is this really the best they [USW] can do for me?"

Burney believes that the union is hosting the strike simply to save face so that the rest of the members believe that the national union is truly concerned, and that he also believes the Union is powerless against Goodyear.

This issue affects more than a grid locked company and a frustrated Union. The strike has had effects all over the nation, including the west Tennessee region.

Union City is affected by this strike and its outcome both philanthropically and economically.

"The USW workers here in Union City give money to the Walk of Hope. We help with the Habitat for Humanity. We also give a lot of money, over $20,000, to the Telethon of Stars. If we are put out of work it is very possible that we will not be able to give to charities like we have in the past," said Hicks.

Beyond the charitable efforts of the USW these workers also bring money back into the economy of the surrounding areas.

"If this plant goes under, the city will take a hit. Our members live in this area so money is defiantly pumped back into it," said Burney

Many community businesses have taken action to give aid. Rural King has cut the cost of tents used by strikers at their picket lines from $110 to $40 and given a 20% discount on food and drinks to go to the strikers. Hicks believes that more donations are soon to come.

UTM students have also become victims of the strike as well.

"My dad isn't part of the union, but now he has to go down to the floor and build tires and do the work of the union, so does my stepmom." Said Tommy Gossett, freshman UTM student, who later stated that he feared not being able to see his parents as much now that the strike has occurred.

The USW has not faced a strike of any weight since 1976. That strike lasted 11 months when they were also faced with the closing of another plant in Huntsville, Ala.

Subsequently, the end of the current strike is unforeseen, but Hicks said that the union will not back down.

"We plan to be out here one day longer than Goodyear can stand," said Hicks.

Presently, Goodyear continues to stand nearly a week into the strike. According to Ed Markey, spokesman for Goodyear, the company has a contingency plan from which they are now operating.

"We will continue meeting production by continuing to operate at nonunion plants, using salary workers in union plants, using our imports and using our available inventory," said Markey

Markey chose not to speculate at this time how long Goodyear could operate under these conditions but made the focus of the company clear.

"We will continue to serve our costumers," said Markey, who echoes the statements of Allen and feels that the best resolution for Goodyear is to work out a fair contract which would allow Goodyear to stay competitive.

The Goodyear Company has stood as an industry leader in rubber since its founding in 1898 by Frank Seiberling. The first Goodyear plant was located in Akron, Ohio. Today, Goodyear measures sales at over $18 billion.

USW was originally established as the Steel Workers Organizing Committee (SWOC) in 1936. It was created to organize the many men and women who worked in the steel industry in an effort to foster and promote job quality in steel related industries. USW now has 1.2 million working and retired members throughout the United States and Canada.

What's next in sports:

Football:	Soccer:	Volleyball:
Oct 21 - at Samford	Oct 13 - at Samford	Oct 13 - Eastern Illinois
Oct 28 - Homecoming	Oct 15 - Jacksonville State	Oct 14 - Southeast Missouri
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